

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow season is upon us and it has been a busy one so far. Almost certainly, you have seen snow removal operations in your neighborhood. The following are some suggestions to help you be safe and avoid extra work.

Some Snow Removal Info and Tips:

- Wait as long as you can before starting your own clean up. Street plowing will continue after the end of the storm and blowing wind for six to eight hours. Public Works crews plow the streets from curb to curb getting as close to the mailboxes as possible. This is for driver safety and to allow the mail carrier access to your box. Waiting a bit to clean your own driveway could save you the work of cleaning your driveway apron twice.
- When looking at your house, shovel the snow on the street to the left side of your driveway. Then when the plow truck goes by it will carry the snow away rather than putting it in your driveway.
- Snow removal crews work on streets in a particular order. Primary arterial and collector streets receive attention first, then local through streets, and finally cul-de-sacs. Also, it is Village policy to salt primary roads and only intersections and curves on secondary roads. This is done to conserve resources and limit environmental damage caused by deicing chemicals. Please slow down and arrive safely.
- Please do not drive too close to the plow truck. It is dangerous for you and the operator of the truck.
- The Village of Savoy does not provide sidewalk cleanup nor can operators plow private drives and driveways (this includes the ends of those driveways). Please do not ask!
- If your mailbox is knocked down by Village snow removal operations, please let us know at 217-359-5894 and be patient. Once the snow event is over and the roads have been cleared, crews are sent out to repair mailboxes. If they are beyond repair, they will be made workable for the time being and then replaced in the spring when the ground thaws and posts can be placed.

Additionally, we would like to reinforce the fact that driving in snow and ice is dangerous and would ask people to stay off the roads in these situations unless it is absolutely necessary for them to be out. If you must go out, please slow down and leave plenty of space between your vehicle and others around you. We at the village want nothing more than for you to arrive at your destination safe and sound. Have a good and safe winter!